

ramifications on the privacy of American families.

To prevent such assaults in the future, I am introducing the Defense of Privacy Act. My legislation will require all Federal agencies to assess the privacy implications of proposed rules and regulations.

Mr. Speaker, this commonsense reform will help agencies focus on important privacy issues while strengthening the privacy rights of every American. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important legislation. Let us do all we can to keep Big Brother at bay.

SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle leave everything until the last minute. Sometimes I wonder if this Congress could not mess up a one-car funeral.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, they are dipping into the Social Security budget to the tune of \$13 billion while spending thousands of dollars on false and misleading ads. Before the appropriations bills are finished, that \$13 billion cut into Social Security could rise to \$24 billion.

Social Security is one of the most successful domestic programs ever created. It guarantees a retirement security for millions of Americans. It is our responsibility to take the necessary steps to keep Social Security safe and strong, not only for our parents' generation, and not only for our generation, but also for our children's generation.

Where is their plan to extend the life of Social Security? It does not exist. In fact, the leaders in the Republican conference have been quoted many times against Social Security and Medicare, like this one from my colleague from Texas that says, "No, I'm not going to make such a pledge, not to get into Social Security."

In fact, the Republican tax plan would have sucked the surplus dry, leaving nothing for strengthening the Social Security Trust Fund, extending Medicare, or even a prescription medication provision.

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QUIT PLAYING GAMES WITH SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, my friends on the left offer so many inaccuracies and there is so little time to respond.

I would agree with one statement from the gentlewoman from Michigan, Mr. Speaker, when she said, do not be fooled. I join her in that sentiment to this degree: Do not be fooled, Mr. Speaker, do not be fooled by the claims now of fealty to Social Security when on this floor just a few nights ago my friends on the left voted against a foreign aid bill, voted to say we ought to send \$4 billion more of the Social Security Trust Fund not to save Americans, not to help Americans, but to go to foreign governments.

That is wrong. That is a raid on the trust fund. If in fact they are guardians of Social Security, they should join with us to save 100 percent of the Social Security Trust Fund for Social Security.

We did it this fiscal year for the first time since 1960. Join with us. Quit playing games.

REPUBLICANS HAVE ALREADY DIPPED INTO SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, "do not be fooled?" Well, it is near trick or treat time, and what is the trick that the Republican majority is concerned about? Well, here is the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader for the Republicans, saying it is Social Security that is a "bad retirement," a "rotten trick" on the American people.

As my colleague from Texas was just pointing out (Mr. GREEN), these views are ones that Mr. ARMEY keeps repeating. Questioned just a few years ago he was asked, "Are you going to take the pledge? Are you going to promise not to cut people's Social Security to meet these promises?" The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY): "No, I am not going to make such a promise."

Our Republican colleagues are the good folks who now come and tell us they want to preserve the Social Security Trust Fund. They did not vote for Social Security. They do not like Social Security. They want to substitute some privatized Social Security Wall Street private plan for the Social Security that has been so important to the American people over the last 60 years.

Let us protect Social Security, let us recognize the Republicans have already dipped into the Social Security trust fund, and let us preserve Social Security for the future.

TIME TO SLAM DOOR ON PRESIDENT'S PLANS FOR MORE TAXES AND RAIDING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has opened the door to one of massive tax increases on working Americans and raiding Social Security to finance Washington's spending.

Revenues are flooding into the Treasury at record levels, but the President says that is not enough. As the percentage of GDP or income or however we want to look at it, taxes are at an all-time high. But the President says they have to be higher.

We squandered billions in Russia. We have got hundreds of wasteful or questionable programs, paid billions each year to so-called consultants. And still the President says we need more money because he just cannot find anything in the budget he wants to cut. He would rather raise taxes or dip into the Social Security surplus.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want to tell the President no, they do not want the President's higher taxes. This body does not want his higher taxes. Remember the vote, 419-0. They do not want him to take a step backward and raid Social Security. They do not want more spending and bigger Government.

It is time to slam a door on the President's plans for more taxes and raiding Social Security.

PRIVACY

(Mr. MARKEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, there is a terrible travesty about to be visited upon the American people. A deal between the Republican leadership and the White House has been perpetrated. It will lead to the compromise of every single American's privacy.

Every check they have ever written, every insurance exam for their family, their medical records, the checks they have written out for the last 20 or 30 years, they can all be now sold to anyone who wants to buy them, every secret in their family. This is a deal that the Republican leadership and the White House have signed off on.

If they have their income tax form done for them by H&R Block, there is a law that says they cannot reveal it. But if they use their income tax form to apply for a mortgage, under this new law, they can sell their income tax form. They can give out that information to anyone.

But if they want to complain to Prudential or to Bank One, do not try to call the CEO. He has got an unlisted number at home. He is concerned about his privacy. He does not want them to bother him.

But they do not give a hoot about the ordinary American's privacy.